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1. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS REPORTING PERIOD HAS BEEN THE ARRIVAL OF FOUR NEW DEA AGENTS, TWO EACH IN SAO PAULO AND RIO DE JANEIRO. IN COOPERATION WITH THE FEDERAL POLICE, INTELLIGENCE ON CLASS I VIOLATORS AND SMUGGLING NETWORKS OF ILLICIT NARCOTICS IS NOW BEING COMPILED. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICT OFFICES IN RIO AND SAO PAULO HAS FREED THE SAIC IN BRASILIA TO CONCENTRATE HIS INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS IN THE NORTH AND NORTHWEST OF BRAZIL ENCOMPASSING THE BOLIVIAN, PERUVIAN, AND COLOMBIAN FRONTIERS. EVIDENCE OF AN UNCHECKED ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS FROM BRAZIL'S ANDEAN NEIGHBORS AND A GROWING SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR CARRYING OUT ITS NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT MANDATE HAVE ENCOURAGED THE FEDERAL POLICE TO ASSIGN MORE AGENTS TO THE NORTH AND NORTHWESTERN BORDER AREAS.

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2. A DEA TWO-WEEK NTI INTERNATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL WAS

HELD IN BRASILIA DURING OCTOBER AND WAS ATTENDED BY THIRTY STATE AND FEDERAL POLICE OFFICERS FROM THE STATES OF MINAS GERAIS, MATO GROSSO, GOIAS AND THE FEDERAL DISTRICT. TENTATIVE PLANS ARE TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE AND POSSIBLY TWO INTERNATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOLS IN NORTHERN BRAZIL.

3. THE ARRIVAL OF THE DEA PERSONNEL AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF INCREASED MANPOWER TO THE FRONTIER AREAS HAS LAID THE BASIS FOR MORE VIGOROUS LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY IN ILLICIT NARCOTICS. THE NEW BRAZILIAN AGENTS GOING INTO THE FIELD IN JANUARY 1976 AND THE MOST RECENT CLASS OF INSPECTORS RECEIVED MORE THAN FORTY HOURS OF SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTION ON NARCOTICS AT THE FEDERAL POLICE ACADEMY.

4. CINC FUNDED PROJECTS:

A. FEDERAL POLICE (ENFORCEMENT AND CONTROL)
THIS ACTIVITY IS PROCEEDING AS DESCRIBED IN THE 1975 NCAP. AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROJECT AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 1975 WAS SIGNED IN NOVEMBER 1975 TO PROVIDE NARCOTICS LABORATORY EQUIPMENT. THIS EQUIPMENT WILL ENABLE THE FEDERAL POLICE TO HAVE A TESTING AND ANALYZING CAPABILITY IN EIGHT REGIONAL LOCATIONS. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT WAS DELIVERED AND HAS BEEN INSTALLED GIVING THE POLICE AN INCREASED CAPACITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH AREAS WHERE COMMUNICATION WAS PREVIOUSLY NON-EXISTENT OR DIFFICULT. THE BRAZILIAN VERSION OF THE DEA BASIC NARCOTICS COURSE AT THE FEDERAL POLICE ACADEMY HAS BEEN DELAYED UNTIL THE RECEIPT OF THE AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED FOR IN THE JANUARY 1975 PROGRAM AGREEMENT. MEANWHILE, CLASSES ON ILLICIT NARCOTICS ARE BEING GIVEN TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL ATTENDING THE ACADEMY.

THE FEDERAL POLICE HAVE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING TWO MOTOR LAUNCHES, FOR USE IN PATROLLING THE RIVERS OF THE WESTERN AND NORTHERN FRONTIER, TO INCREASE THEIR CAPACITY TO INTERDICT THE NARCOTICS TRAFFIC USING THESE ROUTES.

THE EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING PROVIDED TO THE FEDERAL POLICE WITH CINC FUNDING IS BEING USED TO CREATE A PROFESSIONAL NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORT IN BRAZIL THAT WILL IN THE FUTURE BE ABLE TO PLAN, FUND AND EXECUTE ITS OWN PROGRAMS AGAINST THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC.

B. CUSTOMS

ALTHOUGH NO CINC FUNDS ARE CURRENTLY BEING PROVIDED TO THE CUSTOMS SERVICE, IT IS THE MISSION'S GOAL TO ENGAGE THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE IN THE NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM. THEREFORE OUR NCAP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING FOR THE CUSTOMS SERVICE MUST BE VIEWED, AT THIS POINT, AS A PRELIMINARY INDICATION OF

PROGRAM NEEDS. WE WOULD WANT, HOWEVER, TO BE ABLE TO
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